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In Re Application of:

John G. McBride

Serial No.: 09/311,313 ✓

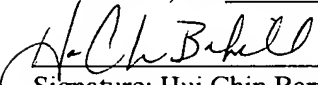
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR DETERMINING WHETHER  
AN ELEMENT IN AN  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT IS A  
FEEDBACK ELEMENT

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**FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed October 3, 2001 (Paper No. 3) has been carefully considered.

In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Inventor(s): John G. McBride

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Title: Method And Apparatus For Determining Whether An Element In An Integrated Circuit Is A Feedback Element

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")  
( ) Other: (fee \$ )

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	22	MINUS	22	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. McBride

By

Daniel R. McClure

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
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Date: 11/07/2001

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